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SUBJECT:GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT: BALL BEARINGS

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1. RELATIVELY SMALL QUANTITIES OF BALL BEARINGS ENTERING UNDER THE THREE TARIFF CLASSIFICATIONS AFFECTED BY ESCAPE CLAUSE ACTION ARE SUPPLIED BY LDCS. IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1974, IMPORTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES UNDER THE THREE AFFECTED CATEGORIES TOTALED 31 MILLION DOLLARS, OF WHICH ENTRIES VALUED AT 300,000 DOLLARS, OR ABOUT ONE PERCENT, WERE OF LDC ORIGIN. SINGAPORE (190,000 DOLLARS), PORTUGAL (68,000 DOLLARS) AND MEXICO (21,000 DOLLARS) SUPPLIED MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF TOTAL LDC SHIPMENTS. ONLY ABOUT 110,000 DOLLARS OF TOTAL IMPORTS FROM THE LDCS, PRINCIPALLY FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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PORTUGAL AND MEXICO, ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN AT UNIT

VALUED SUBJECT TO ESCAPE CLAUSE TARIFF INCREASES.

2. MISSION MAY NOTE, AS APPROPRIATE, IN ANY DISCUSSION OF THE UNITED STATES ACTION, THAT (A) THE PRESIDENT EXCLUDED THREE OF THE SIX CATEGORIES ON WHICH THE TARIFF COMMISSION RECOMMENDED RATE INCREASES THEREBY REDUCING THE PRODUCT

SCOPE OF THE ACTION; (B) USE OF UNIT VALUES IN CATEGORIES COVERED BY ESCAPE ACTION HAS REDUCED VOLUME OF TRADE AFFECTED AND (C) PROVISION FOR PHASE OUT UNDERLINES TEMPORARY NATURE OF ACTION.

3. UNITED STATES ACTION, AS NOTED BY THE MISSION, SHOULD BE CATEGORIZED AS A COMPELLING ONE, HAVING BEEN TAKEN TO REMEDY THE SERIOUS INJURY TO THE UNITED STATES BALL BEARING INDUSTRY FOUND TO EXIST BY THE TARIFF COMMISSION. KISSINGER

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